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IN RE APPLICATION OF :
TAKASHI IPPOSHI, ET AL. : EXAMINER: NGUYEN, JOSEPH H.
SERIAL NO: 09/930,202 :
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FOR: SEMICONDUCTOR WAFER :

PETITION TO WITHDRAW THE APPLICATION FROM ISSUE
UNDER 37 CFR 1.313(c)(2)

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

This is a petition to withdraw the above-identified application from issue pursuant to 37 CFR 1.313(c)(2) so that the Request for Continued Examination (RCE) and the Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) filed with this Petition may be considered upon the granting of this Petition. This Petition is filed under 37 CFR 1.313(c) because the Issue Fee was paid on February 16, 2004. In this case, the references disclosed in the IDS were cited in a Preliminary Search Report for a French counterpart of the above-identified application. Applicants' representatives only became aware of this Search Report on February 23, 2004 and therefore could not have filed the IDS before paying the Issue Fee. Accordingly, it is requested that the Petition be granted and that the above-identified application be withdrawn from issue and that the IDS be considered.

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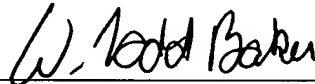
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Application No. 09/930,202
Notice of Allowance of Dec. 16, 2003

In accordance with 37 CFR 1.17(h) the required fee for filing this 37 CFR 1.313
Petition is included herewith.

Respectfully submitted,

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MAIER & NEUSTADT, P.C.



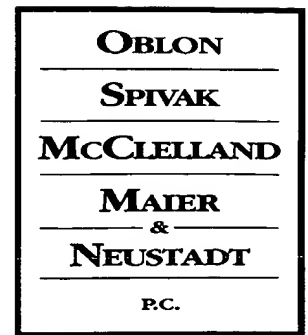
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Attached hereto for filing are the following papers:

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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

PTO-1449 W/7 REFERENCES AND 1 FRENCH SEARCH REPORT

Our check in the amount of \$900.00 is attached covering any required fees. In the event any variance exists between the amount enclosed and the Patent Office charges for filing the above-noted documents, including any fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 for any necessary Extension of Time to make the filing of the attached documents timely, please charge or credit the difference to our Deposit Account No. 15-0030. Further, if these papers are not considered timely filed, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 for the necessary extension of time. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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